

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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Co-sponsored by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the Department of Social Services, the Toy Loan Program is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization established to teach children about responsibility, cooperation and honesty as it provides a free toy-lending service to the children of Los Angeles County. Through its 50-plus centers operating in LAUSD after school sites, Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA and Parks and Recreation Centers and other locations, Toy Loan provides a safe place to play and helps to develop a sense of self-worth through a merit system that rewards the responsible borrowing of toys. Toy Loan targets lower-income communities, where children often lack access to basic skill-building toys, which are an essential part of a child's development.

Toy Loan's Annual Summer Fundraiser runs every year from June 15th through the end of September to raise monetary and toy donations to be used for all Toy Loan Centers. Monetary contributions are used to purchase much needed new toys such as role-playing toys, interactive toys, science toys & equipment, math games & equipment, books, adaptive learning toys (for children with learning/developmental disabilities), board games, sports equipment and more.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct all County

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departments to cooperate with SEIU Local 721 in the placement of toy barrels in County offices where new, unwrapped toys can be donated and send out notification of their locations to all employees.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that this Board directs all County departments to widely distribute Toy Loan program literature and donation forms to all its employees and post fliers on Department bulletin boards.

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